

MEADOW GRASS SEEDS.
LUCERN SEED AND CLOVER SEEDS.
In quantities, at one shilling per pound warranted.

THE undersigned has just received a quantity of Superior Meadow or Cultivated Grass Seed, which, mixed with white Dutch clover, makes that beautiful clover hay lately imported from Van Diemen's Land. The crop of this hay is double the weight per acre of cut hay. After the crop the after grass is most luxuriant. Farmers who grow this beautiful mixed clover and grass seed will grow no other. Only one shilling per lb. warranted. Sold at the Stores of

MR. HENRY FERRIS,
Pitt street, Sydney.
Near the Theatre

July 11.

N.B.—Grasses for lawns and perennials pastures to suit any soil.

A T STEWART'S TO-DAY

YOUNG JORROCKS,
FOUR YEARS OLD,
The handsomest cob in the colony, by
Cantab, dar, a very superior Hector Mare. 1180

SALVE BY AUCTION.

**COMPOSITION DUTCH WOODEN
AND ENGLISH DOLLS.**

JOHN G. COHEN will sell by auc-
tion, at his Rooms, 490, George-street,
ON TUESDAY NEXT, JULY 24,
At eleven o'clock precisely,
3 Cases dolls, various sizes, composition
leather jointed, and wicker girls.
Terms at sale. 1180

**TOYS, BUCKS GENUINE CRICKET BALLS,
SHERIFF WINES, TOYS, &c.**

JOHN G. COHEN will sell by auc-
tion, at his Rooms, 490 George-street,

At 11 o'clock precisely,
Duke's genuine cricket balls, shaving boxes,
razors, razor straps, beads, toys in boxes,
box toys, printing presses, baskets, needles in
fancy boxes, &c., &c.

Terms at sale. 116

LARGE SIZE EMBROIDERY
FANCIES.

TO THE DEALERS, DRAPERS, AND OTHERS.

JOHN G. COHEN will sell by auction
at his Rooms, 490, George-street,
ON TUESDAY NEXT, JULY 24,
At 11 o'clock precisely,
3 Polished mahogany embroidery frames
1 Box of wood stain
3 White Linton's ditto

Terms at sale. 121

TO DEALERS AND OTHERS.

JOHN G. COHEN will sell by au-
ction, at his Rooms, 490, George-street,
ON TUESDAY NEXT, JULY 24.

THE FOLLOWING GOODS, JUST LANDED BY
JOHN WITT:—
Pencils in boxes, table knives in cases, mag-
num bouillon, a new of ivory handle table-
saw, carvers, scissars, telescopes, rams-
horn whistles, hair brushes, German spec-
tacles assorted cases, pocket combs, chimney
glass gilt frames, 36 x 24, 36 x 30, 40 x 30
30 x 18, China ink and a variety of other
goods too numerous to particularize.
Terms, cash. 1177

NAILS,
TO IRONMONGERS AND OTHERS.
WITT & CO., IMPORTERS,
JOHN G. COHEN will sell by auction,
at his Rooms, 400, George-street,
ON TUESDAY NEXT, JULY 24,
At 11 o'clock precisely,
4 kegs 3 inch nail
24 do do do ditto
4 kegs stout double shingle nail
Terms at sale. 1212

CHAIR, HAIR AND FLOOR

TO UPHOLSTERERS, CABINET, AND COACH
MAKERS.

MR. JOHN RICKARDS
Has received instructions to sell by auction
at the Stores of the late James Simmons
Esq., Hunter-street,
ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 26,
At 11 o'clock,
WITHOUT RESERVE,
13 CASES OF Chaise, Hair, and
Flane Cloth, assorted patterns,
of the following sizes, viz.
5 Pieces 16 yards & 4 fancy pattern floor
cloths
4 " 24 x 8 ditto ditto ditto
10 " 4 x 4 ditto ditto ditto
10 " 4 x 4 ditto chaise ditto
6 " 5-4 ditto stair ditto
6 " 5-8 ditto ditto ditto
Also—
700 Bags Manila sugar.

PARRAMATTA.

COTTAGE AND FOUR 1/4-ACRE ALLOTMENTS
OF LAND, IN PENNANT-STREET.

MR. S. PHILLIPS will sell by
auction,
ON MONDAY, JULY 23,
AT 12 o'clock.

AT MR. HAYNES'S, THE NEWLAND'S INN,
All those allotments of land, situate in Pen-
nant-street, immediately opposite the New-
land's Inn, and adjoining the valuable prop-
erty of Mr. Teasdale.

They will be sold as follows:—
Lot 1—Quarter-acre allotment of land, with a
very neat cottage erected thereon, with the
garden securely fenced, &c.
Lots 2, 3, and 4—Three 1/4-acre quarter-acre allot-
ments, adjoining the shore.

TITLE

Each lot has a separate grant, by purchase,
free of quit-rent.

UNRESERVED SALE OF
ONE HUNDRED HEAD OF HORSES,
SIX HUNDRED HEAD OF CATTLE,
 WITH RIGHT OF BRAND, AT THE "JUNCTION
 INN," RAYMOND TERRACE.
 (By order of the Mortgagees.)
M^R. A. DODDS has been instructed
 by the Mortgagees, to sell by public
 auction, at the "Junction Inn," Raymond
 Terrace, on
 MONDAY, AUGUST 6,
 At 12 o'clock,
Without the least Reserve.
 The right of brand of one hundred head of
 Horses, branded *W* under saddle.
 Also—
 The right of brand of six hundred head of
 Cattle, branded *h* on rump.
 Together with
 Their increase from September, 1845.
 The above cattle are *W* brand.

The auctioneer is desirous of calling the attention of stockholders and others in the neighbourhood of Raymond Terrace, Port Stephens, Dungog, and Manning River, to the sale of right of brand to the 14 horse stock and cattle as above.

Terms—cash.

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Mr. DARVALL asked:—and, accordingly, that the revenue should be used to look for a supply of pure water at the hands of the Government. The honorable member for Durham made a long talk of a labor rate for this purpose, but he was not in favor of it, for it would involve the principles of District Councils, principles which had been demolished in that House over and over again. The honorable member for Durham said that the House two propositions, and that when the Government hesitated to spend money asked for, the House should support the Government. He (Mr. Martin) denied the proposition. He said that the Government would withhold money for necessary works, not from motives of economy, but in order to enable them to pay an extravagant amount of useless salaries. The honorable member had said that the Government had never occurred, instead of spending such surplus on public works they should remit taxes. This also he denied, for he thought it far better to spend such surplus on works which were really necessary to the people of the colony as a class. He would not pretend to say, whether the startling statement they had heard from the honorable member for Durham, with regard to the revenue and expenditure for 1889 was true or not, but he thought that the remedy must be not in withholding a necessary work like this, but in cutting down the expenditure to meet the income.

Mr. LAMB opposed the motion.

Mr. DARVALL considered this a question of very great importance, perhaps more so than any other that had come before the House that session. For a time it was ruled in the House to avoid motions for addresses of this description, on the ground that the Government must know the wants of the various localities, and he thought that the rule had been broken through, and he thought wisely. The hon. member for Paramatta, in support of his motion, had brought forward facts to show that the money prayed for in this address was not wanted by the Government, and that the Government established townships, the inhabitants had a right to look for water. The people of Paramatta had paid a high price for the water lands; and the gentleman, who was so effectively the quitter, thought they had a just claim on the Government to furnish them with good water, and he agreed that the finances of the colony were in a very precarious position. That in both ends made the Government depended on certain branches of contingent revenue, such as the sale of land in the Barrack-square, but which could not be looked to as ordinary revenue. He thought that the honorable member was right that the Council should take the expenditure in hand, for he did not believe the Government would ever be taught due economy until they, the representatives of the people, showed them that they were not. He thought the Government had the sole power of spending all the money, and that they would reject useful measures of expenditure such as now proposed, and lavish it on useless salaries. He thought that there was therefore to make a death in the land of that necessary article money—and then they would force upon the Government an economy in the expenditure necessary for supplying the Government with water. He thought the able Colonial Secretary would be very glad to put in effect any measure of economy that might be suggested by the Council. He thought that the Government would not adopt the principle that it ought as much as possible to assist, to advise the Government in the expenditure of the money. He felt sure that the estimates were made with great care, and that they required careful attention of honorable members, and that any reductions in the expenditure that could be effected would be made, and he did not see how the representatives of the people could do more than to urge the Government to take advice which would be to encourage every claim of this sort. (The honorable and learned member then defended the financial policy of Sir George Gipps; and passed a high eulogium on the talents of the Colonial Secretary, and on the wisdom of the Government and the colony through a period of unexampled depression.)

Mr. COOPER opposed the motion.

Mr. LOWE: The town of Paramatta in its present state, bore a striking resemblance in a small scale to the whole colony with regard to the expenditure of the revenue upon it. There was a large expenditure of money, and a small policy—magistrate—no money, no water. This was precisely illustrative of the way in which the revenue was spent all over the colony. The Government had expended £230,000 on the colony, and he would whether it was appropriately fixed or not, they had planted it there and made it the gate as it were to the interior of the colony. They sold land to the inhabitants, saddled them with enormous debts, and then they made assessments, gave £300 a year to the police magistrates, and left the people without the first requisite of life. He thought they felt ashamed of the Government, and he would say in this vein that it should not be allowed to induce people to settle there and then to deprive them of one the essentials of existence. If the Government wished to keep good faith to the people, they should not allow them to once grant them this sum. They were bound to do so, the people of Paramatta had a just and undeniable claim upon them, and he should blush for the House if it refused to do so. He thought that the Government would now turn to the financial minute, and from that document he found that in the Middle District the estimated expenditure for 1889 would be £237,991. Now they were told by the Colonial Secretary that the fact that vast sum the Government could not find £1001 to relieve this town, founded by the Government itself, from the disastrous position in which it was placed, and the shame was increased when they came to look at this vast mass of expenditure, that no less than £147,000 was expended on salaries, and £230,000 on the colony. He thought that if any active member could be so surprised that any active member could be so surprised at such a course—he was more than surprised at the sort of unholy alliance which seemed to have been formed that night between the Government and the people of the Government. (Great laughter, and no, no, from Mr. Donaldson.) They had determined that a borough, worthy to send members to that House, should be deprived of the first requisite of life. God in his providence had prepared for all his creatures. (Cheers.) It had been said that if this claim were granted—the town of Murrumbidgee would be a similar application. He thought the cases were very different. The Murrumbidgee was private property—Paramatta had been placed where it was by the Government, its residents were in a manner compelled to live there. But the Government were so hard up as not to be able to afford this money it was easy to make reductions that would enable them to do so. There was a police magistrate at Paramatta, and he would not be able to do more than £300 a year, which would at all events be 10 per cent. per annum—pretty good thing for the outlay. He (Mr. Lowe) would prefer to give the money for pure water for the inhabitants of Paramatta. (Laughter.) He would re-enact the fable of *Narcissus in pontem* in Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. (Great laughter.) No doubt the people of Paramatta liked pure justice, but he imagined that they would like to see the members of the Bench of Magistrates such as there was at Paramatta, they might have both without having a Police Magistrate. He thought the request before the House was a very reasonable one, and that, and reasonable that had ever been preferred to that House, and though the Government seemed inclined to refuse it, he hoped the Council would not forget its function, but press the justice of the claim.

MR. OAKES briefly replied, and the House adjourned till the next meeting.

Age—

Mr. Oakes	<i>Non-Resident</i>
The Attorney-General	<i>Hon. Mem.</i>
Mr. Nicholson	<i>Hon. Secy.</i>
Mr. Nichols	<i>Colonial Secretary</i>
Low	<i>Colonial Treasurer</i>
Messrs Macarthur	<i>Cooper</i>
Dr. James Macarthur	<i>Donsaldson (teller)</i>
Mr. Allen	
Wm. Macarthur	
Ivelly	
Farker	
McLennan	
Davall	
Fitzgerald	
Cowper (teller)	

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LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

The **L.R.W.** moved that the petition from the Chairman and General Committee of the Friendly Society of Licensed Victuallers of New South Wales, presented by him on the 18th inst., be referred to the Committee.

The **ATTORNEY-GENERAL** opposed the motion, as the two counter petitions had not been printed.

The motion was agreed to.

LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL.

Mr. NICHOLS moved that the Report of the Committee of the whole House be adopted.

Mr. NICHOLS then moved that the Bill be recommitted.

A brief discussion took place as to whether the Bill could be re-committed without notice at the present time, and a majority of members seemed to be of opinion that the course proposed was a correct one.

The Bill was then re-committed, and after several clauses had been verbally amended, progress was made until about half-past seven, when it was again granted for the Committee to sit again on Tuesday next.

MERCHANT SEAMEN'S BILL.

The House rose on instant Committee upon the above Bill, and the following clauses were adopted:—

Clause 1, providing the existing Acts, relating to Merchant Seamen.

Clause 2, enacting that no seaman should be taken to sea without a written agreement, or without a certificate of discharge being obtained from such seaman.

Clause 3, imposing a penalty of £10 for every day absent without such agreement, and £50 for omitting to explain same to the seamen.

Clause 4, providing that no agreements should deprive a seaman of his lien, salvage, &c. And also, that seamen should not be compelled to sign any agreement, unless they should be allowed to give secondary evidence whenever they were not forthcoming.

Clause 5, providing that agreements should be void if by the attending witnesses.

Clause 6, enacting that no seaman refusing to join their ships, &c., might be considered to go on or sent on board.

Clause 7, imposing forfeitures for temporary desertion of a seaman for part of seamen. Six days' pay to be forfeited for every twenty-four hours of such absence, or, at the option of the master, the costs his absence may have occasioned.

Clause 8, providing the manner in which the extent of forfeitures were to be ascertained when seamen contracted for the voyage.

Clause 9, enacting that deserters should forfeit all their clothes, wages, &c. The amount of the forfeiture to be the payment of the expenses occasioned by the desertion, to be paid over to the Colonial Treasurer, for the benefit of disabled seamen serving in colonial vessels.

Clause 10, imposing a penalty of £10 for knowingly harbouring a deserter; providing that no debt above five shillings should be recoverable after a seaman had engaged with a vessel, and prohibiting the detention of his effects, tools, &c., under a penalty of £10.

Clause 11, enacting that no period within which seamen's wages are to be paid after the expiration of his agreement.

The further consideration of the Bill was then postponed till after the next meeting.

COLONIAL AGENT BILL.

The Colonial Agent Bill, as reported, was adopted by the House upon the motion of **Mr. WENTWORTH**, and was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Tuesday next.

MELBOURNE CITY BILL.

The above Bill was read a third time and passed.

TRUST MONEY BILL.

The further consideration in Committee of the above Bill was postponed until Tuesday next.

FRAUDULENT DEBTORS' BILL.

The third reading of the above Bill was postponed until Tuesday.

Council adjourned at half-past seven until three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

INSOLVENT COURT.

Friday.

BERNARD W. H. KIDGLEY, Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates.

In the estate of George Little, a single meeting was held, and the following claims were proved:—**James Wright**, £110; **McCormick**, £10; **Kerr**, £10; **Graham**, and **Cox**, £73 4s. 3d.; after which the meeting was adjourned until Thursday next.

METROPOLE MONDAY.

In the estate of John Hood, an adjoined special meeting, at half-past ten o'clock.

In the matters of George Boiriger and George Boulton: These persons, confined for want of bail, were brought before the Commissioner on Monday last, and presented petitions to His Honor Mr. Justice Dickinson for the sequestration of their estates, and the liberation of themselves from the custody of the Sheriff, on which His Honor directed that the petitioner and one Kerr, Graham, and Cox, £73 4s. 3d., after which the meeting was adjourned until Thursday next.

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Wollongong Butter, 1s. 6d. (one shilling and
a pence) per lb.
Piston Salt Butter, 1s. (ONE SHILLING) per
lb.
OBSERVE—At
A. DAVY'S,
City Tea Mart,
Pigoda Lamp, 660, George street,
Opposite the Bank of Australia's

1500 MATS ASSORTED SUGAR.
THE above sugar is part of an exten-
sive stock of GROCERIES at present
for sale by the undersigned.
The best of everything is invariably kept by
the undersigned, and family orders, as well as
those from settlers and dealers, are executed
with the greatest care.
The undersigned have just completed an
expensive steam coffee roasting apparatus
from the latest European improvements.
The superiority of steam roasted coffee is so
well admitted in England that the old home-
brewed or half-baked system, meaning
half burnt and half raw, is entirely gone into
disuse.
Families and others supplied with fresh
roasted and fresh ground coffee, of the choicest
quality; the same coffee sent into the country
enclosed in six and ten pound cannisters,
required.

S. PEEK AND CO.,
Importers and Dealers

TO BUTCHERS AND OTHERS.
FOR SALE, by Private Contract
at Maitland, on or about the 26th instant
one hundred head of fat Ballocks and Cows
now on or half and half system, meaning
each, before the cattle leave the paddock. Ap-
plication to be made to the undersigned, post
paid, JOHN CAMPBELL,

400 TINS PRESERVED MILK
200 TINS PRESERVED POTATOES
700 LBS. SALT WATER SOAP
WITH all descriptions of Dried and
 Canned Foodstuffs at
ELLIOTT'S SHIPPING DEPOT,
 1201 Lower George-street.

WOOL AND SHEEPSKINS.
THE undersigned are Cash purchasers
 of the above.
J. T. ARMITAGE AND CO.
 King-street, November 15. 788

IF HANNAH MARIA ROBINSON, late of Bay-street, Gt. B. is
 pleased to call on Mr. James Melville, No. 7,
 Pitt-street, she will hear of a return from
 England.
 July 20. 117

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW
SOUTH WALES.
LAYTON ODELL DAVID JAMES
 of Bourke-street, Surry Hills, near the
 city of Sydney, in the under articles of clerkship
 to Mr. Henry Burtley Esq. of Sydney
 aforesaid, attorney at law, do hereby give
 notice that I intend to apply to this honorable
 Court on the last day of the now next ensuing
 term, for admission as an attorney, solicitor, and
 proctor of the said Court.
 Dated this thirtieth day of June, A. D. 1848
 1204 L. O. D. JAMES.

Victoria by the Grace of God of the United
 Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland
 Queen Defender of the Faith, &c.
 &c., &c.
 TO THE WIDOW (if ANY) AND TO THE
 NEXT OF KIN OF JAMES MURPHY LATE OF
 SYDNEY IN THE COLONY OF NEW
 SOUTH WALES MARINE SURVEYOR
 DECEASED.

WHEREAS it hath been represented
 unto our Supreme Court of New
 South Wales by the Proctor of Jane Elizabeth
 Milne a creditor of the said deceased that the
 said James Murphy departed this life on or about
 the twenty-sixth day of February in the year
 of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
 forty-eight (having at the time of his death good
 chattens and credit in the colony aforesaid) in
 such manner that we do therefore hereby peremptorily
 cite you and each of you to appear personally
 by your Proctor duly constituted before us
 said Court at the Court House King-street
 Sydney on the sixteenth day of August now next
 ensuing at the hour of the said clock on the forenoon
 of the same day and there to shew sufficient cause
 why you should not be bound by the said decision
 shall require during the sitting of the said
 Court and then and there to accept or refuse
 letters of administration of all and singular the
 goods chattels and credits of the said deceased
 or otherwise to shew sufficient cause (if you
 either of you have or know any why the same
 should not be committed to the said Jane
 Elizabeth Milne a creditor of the said deceased
 ceased on giving sufficient security to us
 further to do and receive as to law and justice
 shall appertain under pain of such letters
 administration being granted to the said Jane
 Elizabeth Milne as a creditor of the said James
 deceased.
 Witness the Honorable Sir Alfred
 Stephen Knight our Chief Justice
 our said Court at Sydney this eighteenth
 instant at five o'clock in the thirteenth year of
 our reign.
 G. F. F. GREGORY
 Registrar of Supreme Court
 FAULLOU AND GRANT
 Proctors for the said Jane Elizabeth Milne
 203 Pitt-street Sydney. 10

ESTATE OF THE LATE THOMAS
KERR, ESQ.
CREDITORS are particularly
 requested to attend to the notice
 at the Office of the undersigned No. 203 Pitt
 street Sydney on Tuesday the 31st instant
 twelve o'clock noon for the purpose of
 giving directions to the administrator
 in respect to matters of importance
 relating to the assets in this Estate
 at the same time it will be convenient if
 Creditors (not having already done so) will
 furnish the administrator with proofs of the
 respective claims to enable their immediate
 audit.
 THURLOW AND GRANT,
 Solicitors for the Administrator
 203, Pitt-street, July 25. 111

BEAUTIFULLY CUT AND COLOURED BORNEAN
GLASS, AND ELEGANT FRENCH PORCELAIN
ORNAMENTS, &c.
THE choice selection of the above
 articles will be on view on Monday, the
 day preceding the sale.
 EDWARD SALAMON,
 1250 Auctioneer.

NOTICE, to whom it may concern,
 hereby given, that the tallow saved
 from the wreck of the schooner Swift, near
 Brunswick River, is now landed from the
 schooner Midea, and ready for public inspection
 in the Circular Wharf Stores, from whence
 it will be delivered to the owners or consignees
 in payment of charges.
 JEAN BENNEAUD,
 Master. 110

NOTICE is hereby given, that Lewis
 A. Miller is the only person duly authorized
 to collect accounts and receive money
 on our account, &c. on and after this date.
 SMITH, CAMPBELL, AND CO.
 Sydney, July 13. 7

NOTICE.
ALL parties are hereby cautioned
 in respect to matters of importance
 of the American Ship Augustine the Great
 debts contracted by them will be paid by the
 Master or Agent.
 July 21. 116

TO BUILDERS, PLUMBERS, AND
SHINGLERS.
TENDERS are required for stripping
 the roof of the Sydney Infirmary and
 Dispensary Building, Macquarie-street, and
 re-shingling the same, and providing lead, and
 erecting the plumbers' work, &c., required.
 For specifications and particulars apply
 to the office of James Hume, Esq., of No. 11
 King-street, Architect.
 Such tenders are to be addressed to the
 Honorary Secretary, and to be laid on the
 Buildings, on or before Friday, the 27th in
 stant.
 JOHN MCGRIVIE,
 Hon. Secretary. 85

CATTLE WANTED
WANTED, from 1500 to 2000 head
 of well-bred Steers and Heifers, from
 three years old and upwards, to be delivered
 either at Tarrahanda, Tamui River; or at the
 junction of the Lachlan and Murrumbidgee.
 Apply to
 MR. JAMES McEVROY,
 1182 Pitt-street.

SLATES WANTED.
PERSONS holding Dutchess Slates
 may hear of a purchaser, by application
 to Mr. HENRY ROBERTSON, Architect, 21
 Pitt-street. 111

HORSES REQUIRED FOR INDIA
WANTED, 10 or 20 Horses, that
 are sound and broke to saddle or harness.
 Partials having such for sale, and will bring
 them this day to the undersigned before twelve
 a.m. will, if approved of, hear of a purchaser.
 T. E. JONES,
 H.E.I. Co.'s Repository,
 Sydney, July 30. 111

WANTED, a Man Cook : none need
 apply but those who understand the
 business and can bring good references from
 their last places. Apply at the Star Hotel
 George-street. 13

WANTED, a Tanner and a Currier
 Apply to JOHN GRANT, Commercial
 Sydney, July 30. 111

GOVERNNESS—Wanted, a Lady, who is competent to teach the English and French Languages, Music, French Sewing, &c., in a family residing in a pleasant town in the country. Apply (if by letter, post-paid, to R. E., care of Mr. Finnerover, Bookbinder, &c., George-street. 118

OF OBSERVE.

EVERY description of farm and domestic Servants, Mechanics, &c., of good character, can be readily obtained at this office, either for the season, or permanently. **WANTED**—A Blacksmith, and various male and female servants. Newly arrived immigrants and others seeking employment should apply.

H. F. BRIMMER,
Servants' Registry Office, opposite the Royal Hotel, George-street, Sydney.
Office open from 9 till 5. 118

FEMALE Servants of every description, desirous to obtain situations, either at town or for the interior, are now disseminated by **WAGAS** on commission.

J. FREDERICK JOHNSON,
General Agency Office
319, Castlereagh-street North
July 20. 117

WANTED, an active single man as Groom, and to make himself generally useful. Apply to Mr. GEORGE HALL, Esq. Hill-street, opposite and nine o'clock in the morning. 116

WANTED A STOCKMAN.
A PERSON of the above calling, or of good character and sober habits, with view of a country situation, by an early application (if by letter, post-paid) to Mr. I. WHITE, Windsor. July 16. 106

FARM SERVANTS.

WANTED, a farm servant, capable of driving a team of bullocks; and three shepherds; to reside on a property of general good conduct will be required. Apply to **T. AGARS,** Kent-street North. 1067

A YOUNG LADY, accustomed to tuition, who will be disengaged in about six weeks, is desirous of meeting with a situation at a respectable Church of England family; the country will be preferred. She will undertake to impart a sound English education, with music, &c. References given, if required. Address, if by letter, post-paid, to R. E., care of Mrs. Lettbridge, Duncombe-street, Penrith. July 9. 7

WANTED, by a respectable Widow, a situation as Lady's maid and Housekeeper, or would have no objection to be charged of an invalid or young children. Most satisfactory references given and well proved. Address, post-paid, to J. T., at the Herald Office. 119

WANTED, by a gentleman recently arrived from England, a situation in the country, to manage a store, or any other situation in which he can be of service. His wife would be happy to undertake the management of a household, or in a domestic capacity. Address, by letter, post-paid, to D. M., care of Sikes's, Bookbinder, &c., George-street, Sydney. 118

£5 REWARD.

TO CONTAINERS AND OTHERS.

WHEREAS, on Sunday morning, the 15th instant, between the hours of 12 and 6 o'clock p.m., my house in Farm-street was feloniously broken into at and near by some thief or thieves, and the following articles stolen therefrom:—One clock, marble stand; one gold Geneva watch (1327) of double price; one black frock coat, outside round collar, with white shawl, and a quantity of female wearing apparel, about fifty pounds of tobacco, and two boxes of two half-boxes, and two quarter-boxes each of double price; and one white shawl. Any person or persons who might give such information as might lead to the recovery of the above property, and also to the apprehension and conviction of the thief or thieves.

JOHN ADAMS, Grocer,
993 Parramatta-street, Sydney. 119

HORSE Stealer or Strayed, aged three years, black horse, small white saddle marks, T under mane of side, straining in the near fore leg.

If stolen, £1; and if strayed, £1 reward will be paid for information as to its whereabouts. The above horse is the property of Mr. W. Mackenzie's station, by Tenterden. 11

LOST, on Thursday evening, between Waterloo and the top of Bellevue, a blood stone set as a signet ring, in dead gold. Two shillings reward will be given on its being brought to Mr. John Dillon, 172, Elizabeth-street South, near the Supreme Court House, Sydney. 13

RUNAWAY.

Prin. Sup. of Convicts' Office.
Sydney, 12th July, 1849.

THE undermentioned prisoner of the Crown absconded from the Marine Department, Hobart Town, on the 26th February, 1849, either before or after the arrival of the cutter Pythe, belonging to the Royal British of Tasmania, and afterwards from the Quarte, on the 7th July, 1849, while lying at anchor off Port Jackson.

Matthew Harris, Meis (37), 41, Arrived 5 feet 11 inches, fair complexion, brown hair, eyes, flag and anchor on inside left arm.

J. McLEAN,
1195 Principal Superintendent. 7

OFFICES TO LET, nearly opposite the General Post Office, many years occupied by a Solicitor. Apply to **R. LEWTHY,** 457, George-street. Sydney, July 12. 7

STORES TO LET.—Those substantial and extensive Warehouses situated at the back of Fort-street, belonging to and lately in the occupation of Messrs. Thacker & Co. They may be viewed upon application to Mr. BURY, Storekeeper, on the premises.

For particulars apply to **THACKER AND CO.,** 641, George-street. 80810

CENTRAL SITUATION.

TO LET, a large DAY CELLAR, fit for the storage of any description of goods with the use of a power of Crane. Also, a small detached Store. Apply to T. CHALDER, Besant Court, King-street. 11

TO LET, Nos. 2 and 4, of Thurlow's Terrace, Hills. 236 p. annum. Apply to Messrs. THURLOW & GRANT, solicitors, 305, Pitt-street. 11

TO LET, furnished, the whole or part of the premises at the corner of the Parramatta and Great North Roads, at present occupied as the Talbot Inn. For terms, &c. apply on the premises. 74

TO LET, that well-known salubrious regulating Windmill, situated at Dunburgh; rent moderate. Application to be made to Messrs. THOMAS BARBER and Co. Somerset-street. 8

TO LET, UNDERCLIFF, situated at Cook's River, about six miles off Sydney. It consists of a cottage of 4 rooms, kitchen and cellar, with, also, a small large and well-wooded garden, and a pleasant paddock of ten acres.

The Cook's River Omnibus runs to and from half-a-mile of Undercliff twice a day. For particulars apply to Mr. J. H. B. Apply at the Loan Company's Office, 305, Castlereagh-street. 11

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Extraordinary TO THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD.

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1849.

Late European News.

Sydney Morning Herald Office.
Saturday, 2 p.m.

The arrival of the *Phœnician*, after a quick passage of ninety-one days, has put us in possession of English news to April 18th. From several other ships having sailed previously, our files are very incomplete, but we have a tolerably good summary of the most important events.

War was still raging on the Continent. The Danish forces had re-commenced operations, and the fleet had suffered severely. Two frigates had been captured, and an 84 gun ship was destroyed by an accidental explosion.

The Austrians, under Marshall Rastum, had an engagement with the Sardinian forces, and totally dispersed them, and the King of Sardinia had escaped to Paris. In Hungary, the Austrians were unsuccessful, the great mass of the population being opposed to Austrian rule, and harassing the troops without giving them an opportunity of forcing on a general engagement.

The French Government had demanded and obtained a vote of money to support an armament to assist in the restoration of the Pope to his throne.

To add to the difficulties of the Italian question, an insurrection against the Sardinians was got up in Genoa, which was not put a stop to until the city had been bombarded, and much mischief done.

There had been several motions in Parliament relating to the colonies. On the 16th April, Mr. Scott moved "That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the political and financial relations between Great Britain and her dependencies, with a view to reduce the charges of the British Treasury, and to enlarge the functions of the Colonial Legislatures." The motion was opposed by Mr. Hawes and Mr. Gladstone as impracticable, and was rejected by a majority of 81 to 34. The debate was spirited, and the report (which will be published in a future number) will be found worth reading.

The state of Europe had checked the improvement in trade which was so prominent a feature in the February and March news, but the price of wool remained as in February. Tallow was dull of sale at 30s.

Our readers will remember the particulars of the murder of Mr. JAMES and some members of his family, which took place in Norfolk. RUSH, the perpetrator of the horrid deed, had been convicted on the clearest testimony.

We cannot quite understand what was being done in the convict question. The *Times* of the 18th April, says the Randolph was taking convicts "for the new convict settlement of Moreport in Australia," and in *Bell's Messenger* we notice the following paragraph:—

A NEW CONVICT SETTLEMENT.—Her Majesty's Secretary for the Colonies having consented to the transportation of convicts to Moreport Bay, New South Wales, a vessel is about to be despatched with 400 males to that colony, a great number being Pentonville culms, who, from good conduct, have had their sentences mitigated.

Among the deaths we notice the names of Archbishop Coadj., Sir Andrew Acheson, and General Foxe.

Parliament was adjourned for the Easter holidays.

We are happy to announce that we have made arrangements with a gentleman well qualified for the task, to act as "Our London Correspondent." By this morning's mail we have received the following communications from him.

[FROM OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.]

3rd April, 1849.

The newspapers will already have apprised you of the discussion on Mr. Adderley's motion for an Address to the Crown on the subject of the recent transportation of convicts to South Africa. It seems to be generally considered that that discussion has settled it as the rule, that Colonies shall not have any convicts if they are determined to resist the infliction. But there is no doubt the general sense of Parliament and of the country is in favour of transportation. The few men of any influence in the country who give much

thought to a topic, which, in any party or political sense, would not pay for a day's study, are for transportation on the *disposition* principle—the avowed plan of Ministers. The mass of men are for transportation to get rid of their rogues, and to save local expenditure. There is no question the Government are sorely perplexed and hampered on this subject—what with the great increase in the number of convicts—the overstocking of Van Diemen's Land, which they seemed to think had a never-ending capacity for the absorption of British felons—the disinclination of some colonies to receive convicts on any terms, of others on terms which our Exchequer cannot at present afford to accede to—and the impossibility, even if countries were more willing than they are to consent to the expense of their construction, of running up with the necessary speed the large number of Penitentiaries required for the convicts during the probationary part of their penal career in England. I have heard that the New Zealand interest is particularly anxious on this subject, and would willingly get up a great anti-transportation movement; thinking, no doubt, that the report of convicts being sent to that colony might damage their land speculations.

Last night, Mr. Chisholm Anstey was bringing forward his motion for papers and an address to the Crown, in reference to the suspension of Mr. Montague, the former Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Van Diemen's Land, when he gave way to the very marked sense of the House for a further postponement of this subject, on the suggestion of Lord John Russell, who was anxious to get on with his Irish Rate in Aid Bill. This is, if I mistake not, the third time Mr. Anstey has had to postpone his motion on this subject.

This evening, Mr. Francis Scott was to have brought forward a motion on colonial policy; but he also, at the instance of the Premier, consented to a postponement, as I understood, however, only on condition that Government would enable him to bring it in next Monday week. He remarked that the time had arrived when the practice should be discouraged of postponing the consideration of subjects of colonial interest. Mr. Scott devotes a deal of attention to colonial topics, as you are well aware, but his efforts for the promotion of emigration to your colony, are especially energetic and well directed.

There seems some doubts about the Indian-Australian steam project. Various rumours are afloat. The tenders of the new Company have for some time been accepted, and some say they will carry out their contract, but others doubt. One is led to regret the well established "Peninsular and Oriental" had not got the line. This Company have, however, from the first, had no great fancy for this extension of their present operations.

The land funds in the hands of the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners are understood to be at a low ebb; but I have had it hinted to me, from a quarter I believe to be well informed in this matter, that the emigration to your part of the world will nevertheless be kept up.

Sir William Molesworth has also given notice of a motion on colonial affairs after Easter. So you will have the Conservative motion of Mr. Scott, and the Radical motion of Sir William. The latter "crams" very diligently on colonial topics, and tries to get at facts. His panacea for all colonial grievances is self-government in its most liberal signification—he would have you choose your own Governors. But while for very liberal institutions in the colonies, he is not disposed to be liberal of English protection to the colonies. I doubt if he would care if England to-morrow lost every one of her colonial possessions—as such. If communities of Englishmen should rise up like mushrooms, and create an intercourse of trade with the parent country, well and good—only let them take care of themselves, and not cost Great Britain a sixpence. Mr. Scott would give you all very free institutions, I doubt not, though on some Conservative model; but I imagine he would not grudge this country going to any reasonable expense in protecting and fostering

your interests, regarding such an expenditure as a natural duty, and at the same time not a wholly unprofitable investment relatively to home interests.

One way or another, I doubt not, during the Session, the Australian colonies will occupy a considerable share of the attention of Parliament.

This is all that occurs to me to mention at this moment with respect to colonial matters. In England, the great domestic topic is the condition of Ireland—as when indeed has it been otherwise? Thus far in the Session there have been no great party contests. We have had the usual skirmishing of the Protectionists, and Lord Lincoln's party encourage a singular bitterness against the Colonial Office, but more especially against the representative of that Department in the House of Commons, Mr. Benjamin Hawes. This gentleman has somehow or other contrived to gain the ill-will of one party, and lose the esteem of his own. Cobden's economy battles have been only slight affairs. Ministers having themselves set to work in that line in good earnest. The great political hit of the season has been Peel's plantation of Connaught. The great statesman has turned his dignified leisure at Tanworth to good account.

In foreign politics I hope we are going to have a bill. Radetzky's summary victory over the Sardinians will have the best effect, it is hoped, all over Italy, and in Sicily; while his magnanimous moderation after such successes must ever conciliate the fiery republicans of France. It is a farce, by-the-by, to call the French Government any longer a republic. Louis Napoleon assumes all the state and appearance of a reigning sovereign—minus a few heraldic and emblematic devices; and titles are in social use in France as much as ever. Denmark and Germany are the only puzzles just now, but let us hope a "satisfactory solution" of that difficulty may at length be discoverable. At any rate let us hope England will studiously keep aloof from all active participation in warfare for her own sake and that of her colonies.

London, April 12, 1849.

You will find that Joseph Hume contrived to tack on a short discussion on the colonies, to Lord John's motion for the adjournment of the House for the Easter holidays. He referred chiefly to the Jamaica and Demerara discontents; but made some unquestionably very sweeping assertions as to the universality of colonial disaffection. This brought out Lord John, who on his side, with that temerity of assertion which sometimes distinguishes his lordship, remarked that we had 43 colonies and it was not to be wondered at that in one or two or three of them discontent and dissatisfaction should exist. There is much of false suggestion in this generalising statement of the noble lord's. The literal admission of three dissatisfied colonies, out of forty-three, would imply a higher average of loyal and affectionate contentment than could be claimed for the people of Great Britain herself. But these 43 colonies include places like Ascension, Gibraltar, St. Helena, the smaller fry of West India Islands, or the Falklands. To say that discontent generally prevails in such a colony as Jamaica is to grant more than were his lordship to denounce half a score of those minor settlements as in a state of revolutionary turbulence.

Their constant reference to the colonies have this good effect. They tend greatly to break in upon that sense of ministerial irresponsibility, as respects the administration of the colonies, which has been the main cause of the contemptuous indifference with which colonial requirements have in past times been almost invariably received in Downing-street. I must candidly tell you I don't think there are a dozen men in Parliament (and that is a handsome allowance) who care a rush for the colonies, for their own sakes; but if a good thing at Ministers can be had by means of a Cape grievance, the opportunity, we may be sure, will be profited by. Ministers also quite aware that it is part of the tactics of their opponents just now—especially those who are represented by the *Morning Chronicle*—to assault them through their colonial policy.

I was much pleased to find by copies of your journal recently received, that you did not fail to appreciate the true character of the New Zealand Canterbury scheme. It is undoubtedly a great hoax; in saying which I do not mean to say that the many very highly respectable persons connected with that project have hoaxed any parties so much as themselves. This is one of the offsprings of that eternal bubble we have had for some years past about "Systematic Colonisation." No doubt the system is a good thing in colonisation as in every thing else, provided always your system is a good one. But that is the difficulty. The great idea of the systematic men is that of transplanting, not a certain number of emigrants but a community, complete in all its parts. The problem may be thus stated. Give a certain number of Englishmen their wives and families, and an unoccupied country, it is required to construct a flourishing community in the least possible time, and with the least possible amount of personal disaster. The solution is that you shall take heed that your colonists shall be made up of the due English proportion of ordained clergymen, barristers, attorneys, schoolmasters, and men of aristocratic birth and lineage, and straightway you have another Kent or Sussex. It is the easiest thing in life. Unfortunately men will not always do as they are bid. The wisest theories sometimes fail on that account. Theory says one thing—human caprices another. These are found to have unmanageable notions of profit and loss; and the scheme at the partition of which divines, legislators, and philosophical economists have so much laboured, as regularly fails as it is confidently predicted to succeed.

A "Court" of Proprietors of the New Zealand Company has been convened to protest against that colony having convicts sent to it. There will of course be a petition to Parliament; and perhaps another Transportation debate, if not a "count-out."

I observe Cobden last night, at the banquet given to him at Yabfield, by his West Riding constituents, says some civil things of Lord Grey, whilst supporting the Molesworth and Hume doctrines of non-interference in the affairs of colonies and non-payment of the cost of their defence. I have for some time marked symptoms of a reactionary feeling towards Lord Grey; as is always the case in England when a man has been somewhat over-abused.

MAJOR-GEN. DAVID FORBES.—This gallant officer, who died at Aberdeen on the 29th of March, entered the army in 1793, and soon after joined the 78th Highlanders Regiment, to which he had been appointed. He accompanied the Ross-shire Highlanders to the Continent, and served in the campaigns of 1794 and 1795, was present at the battle of Mincio, in the action when the French were driven across the Wadda at Bassano, and in the affair of Gellera, in January, 1795. In August of the same year he accompanied his regiment to Quiberon Bay, and assisted at the capture of l'Isle Dieu. In 1796 the 78th were ordered to the Cape of Good Hope, and he witnessed the surrender of the Dutch fleet in Table Bay. In November following he proceeded with his regiment to India, and served in the campaign in Oude in 1798 and 1799; also in the Malabar war of 1805, assisting at the storm of the Pettah, and siege of the Fort of Ahmednagar. It was on this occasion that the late Sir Colin Campbell, then a subaltern of the 78th, by his gallantry and intelligence, attracted the attention of his illustrious patron the Duke of Wellington. Major-General Forbes was present in every action in which the 78th was engaged in Java during the years 1811, 1812, and 1813, including the forcing of the enemy's position at Weltevreden, the assault of the lines of Coevorden, the heights of Serendole and Djocjoearta. In May, 1815, by his firmness and judgment he quelled a formidable insurrection which broke out in the eastern parts of the island. On this occasion Major-General Forbes, with his men, made a forced march of 60 miles in 15 hours—during which Lieutenant-Colonel Fraser and Captain Macpherson, of the 78th, were murdered by the insurgents. During the service in Java he commanded the Light Company of the 78th with the greatest gallantry, and nobly seconded the brave Rolle's Rifle. Under his orders the Highlanders sustained their national character, and added to the reputation which the "Tartans" have ever established on the battle-field. He had the rare qualification of never having apparently made an enemy provoked a reflection.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

July 21.—Phœnix, barque, 478 tons, Captain Sproat, from London, having left the Downs on the 20th April. Passengers—Mr. D. Graham, Mr. Hector, Mr. Johnson, Miss Cooper, Monsieur and Madame de Milhau, Monsieur Chausse, Monsieur Bordier, two Misses Adcock, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Hampton, Mr. J. H. Talbot, Mr. T. Gilbert, Mr. S. Graham, Mr. D. Skinner, Mr. J. Brook, Mr. and Mrs. K. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. D. Davis and two children, Mrs. Madwick and two children, Mrs. Davis, and Mr. J. Fane.

July 21.—Phœbe, schooner, 89 tons, Captain Collas, from Port Albert.

" " The Barque Courier, from Liverpool, was signalled at the time of our going to press.

ENGLISH SHIPPING.—The Elphinstone from Sydney the 20th October, arrived at Deal on the 2nd April; and the Seringapatam from Sydney the 19th November, arrived on the 10th April; the former vessel was to sail again for Adelaide, Port Phillip, and Sydney, on the 16th May, and the latter for Sydney direct on the 20th May. The Thomas Hughes from Port Phillip, arrived at Deal on the 12th April, and the Calcutta from Hobart Town, the 28th December, arrived at Penance, on the 13th April. The Albion sailed from London, for Sydney, on the 26th March; the Promise, on the 2nd April; and the Indian on the 12th April. The Mary Bannatyne sailed from Plymouth for Sydney, with emigrants, on the 6th of April; the Cornwall sailed from Plymouth for Adelaide on the 10th April, and the Elizabeth with emigrants, for Port Phillip, on the 1st April; the Madawaska sailed from Plymouth for Adelaide and Port Phillip, on the 25th March; the Orions, from Swansea, for Adelaide, on the 28th, and the Hydaspes sailed from Liverpool for Port Phillip and Adelaide on the 31st March; The Archer sailed from London for Port Phillip on the 26th March, and the Warlock for the same port on the 2nd April; the Ganges was to sail for Sydney direct on the 28th April; the Duke of Roxburgh sailed from London for Plymouth on the 16th April, to embark emigrants for Sydney; the Victoria, 588 tons, Carpin, would leave Liverpool for Plymouth on the 25th April, to embark emigrants for Sydney; the Panama, 522 tons, Watt, would be the next emigrant ship to follow; the William Jardine, 671 tons, Doughty, was to leave London for Hobart Town and Sydney on the 10th May, calling at Plymouth; the Lady Howden sailed from London for Hobart Town on the 6th April, and the Henrietta for Swan River on the 6th; the Thomas Hughes and Melbourne were advertised for Port Phillip; the Himalaya from Adelaide, bound for Swansea, with copper ore, was spoken on the 12th March in lat. 23° N., long. 34° W.

The Phœnician has made a remarkably quick passage of ninety-one days from the Downs—and, but from meeting with adverse winds along the coast, would have done it at least in eighty-five. She has spoken no vessels connected with these colonies. One of her cabin passengers, Mr. E. Hall, died of consumption on the 24th April.

MONEY MARKET AND CITY INTELLIGENCE.

(From the Times, April 18.) Tuesday Evening. The premium on gold at Paris is 7½ per mille, which, at the English Mint price of £3 17s. 10½d. per ounce for standard gold, gives an exchange of 25.51; and the exchange at Paris on London at short being 25.32½, it follows that gold is 0.96 per cent. dearer in Paris than in London.

By advices from Hamburg the price of gold is 437 per mark, which, at the English Mint price of £3 17s. 10½d. per ounce for standard gold, gives an exchange of 13.11; and the exchange at Hamburg on London at short being 13.10½, it follows that gold is 0.11 per cent. dearer in Hamburg than in London. Although the reports regarding Russia and Turkey, which caused a depression in the English funds yesterday afternoon, have not been confirmed, there has been no permanent reaction in prices. Consols opened this morning at 91½ to 92, whence they advanced to 92½, until a series of speculative sales again affected them, and caused them to touch 91½, both for money and account. At the close, however, the price of money was 91½, and for the account, 91½ to 92; Bank Stock val. of 192 to 193½, Reduced, 90½; Three-and-a-Quarter per Cent., 91½ to 92; Long Annuities, 8½ to 9; India Stock, 245 to 248; India Bonds, 63s. to 64s.; and Exchange Bills, 45s. to 46s. premium.

The foreign stock market was generally steady to-day, and in no single instance were operations extensive. Mexican, in which bargains were concluded at 29, 29½, and 27½, is now quoted ex-coupon. The other transactions of the afternoon comprised Buenos Ayres, at 39½; Danish scrip, 6½ premium; Ecuador, 4½, 4, and 4½; Grenada, 18½; the Deferred, 2½ and 3; Peruvian, 18½; Portuguese Four per cent., 29, 29½, and 29 for money, and 29½ and 29½ for account; Spanish Five per cent., 17½ and 18; Passive, 3½; the three per cent., 32½, 32, and 31; Dutch Two-and-a-half per cent., 60½ and 60; and the Four per cent. certificates, 77½.

There was rather more business transacted to-day in the foreign exchanges, but no attention worthy of notice occurred in the rates. By an advertisement in the Times it will be observed that a payment has been advertised by Messrs. Baring and Co., of four-fifths of the dividend on Grenada bonds, which has been in arrear since the 1st June, 1848.

Advices from Madrid of the 10th of April mention that the committee for examining the Government budget of the present year have finished their task, and have not only approved every one of the sums proposed by Ministers, but have even augmented the total by 250,000 reals for the expenses of the Minister of Justice. The discount on the notes of the Bank of San Fernando is still about ½ to ¾ per cent., but small demonstrations in payment of goods purchased taken at par.

The state of business on the Amsterdam Bourse by the last accounts was rather inactive, but prices were supported with firmness. Spanish had been chiefly dealt in.

The returns of circulation of the Irish and

Scottish Banks for the four weeks ending the 24th of March ultimo, when added together, give the following as the average weekly circulation of these banks during the past month, viz.—

Average circulation of the Irish Banks £2,481,790
Average circulation of the Scottish Banks £258,117

Average circulation during past month £2,739,907

On comparing the above with the fixed issues of the several banks, as given in the *Banking Almanac*, the following appears to be the state of the circulation:—

The Irish Banks are below their fixed issue £1,228,741
The Scottish Banks are below their fixed issue 19,000

Total below the fixed issue £1,247,741

The amounts of gold and silver held at the head offices of the several banks during the past month have been as follows:—

Gold and silver held by the Irish Banks £1,708,857
Gold and silver held by the Scottish Banks 1,608,175

Total of gold and silver held £3,317,032

The above statements complete the returns of the circulation of country notes in England, Scotland, Ireland, for the month ending the 24th of March, which were partly inserted in *The Times* of the 16th instant.

The average stock of bullion held by the Bank of England in both departments during the week ending the 24th of March was £15,270,150, being an increase of £879 as compared with the previous month, and an increase of £204,903 when compared with the same period last year.

The stock of specie held by the Scotch and Irish banks during the month ending the 24th of March was £2,718,030, being an increase of £7017 as compared with the previous return, and a decrease of £47,934 when compared with the corresponding period of last year.

WOOL MARKETS.

(From the Mark Lane Express.)

BRITISH WOOL.

LANES, April 5.—We have not any change to report this week either in the demand or prices. Transactions have been small; prices stationary.

LYONSPOOL, April 7.—Scotch.—We are still without any increase of stocks of laid Highland wool, and little to do with; prices are well supported; white is in fair demand. In crossbred and Cheviot the stock is also light; but consumers being for the present supplied there is little doing. Laid Highland wool, per 24 lbs. 6s. 6d. to 7s. 6d.; white Highland ditto, 9s. 6d. to 10s.; laid crossbred ditto, unwashed, 8s. 9d. to 10s. 6d.; ditto ditto, washed, 11s. to 12s.; ditto Cheviot ditto, unwashed, 10s. to 12s.; ditto ditto, washed, 14s. 6d. to 16s. 9d.

Imports for the week 234 bags

Previously this year 1851 "

FOURMION WOOL.—At the public sales here on the 4th and 5th, the former day the fine wools were sold. Port Phillip wool, comprising the largest quantity, and consisting of fair average clips, brought very excellent prices, and all sold. Part of the fine Sydney were withdrawn. The fine Buenos Ayres wool sold at 10s. 6d., the low ones with less spirit, and part taken in.

Imports for the week ... 366 bales

Previously this year 14,510 "

Total 14,876

FOURMION WOOL.

CITY, Monday.—The wool market is quiet, and the imports of foreign last week were small, including 602 bales from Sydney, and 74 from Germany.

LYONSPOOL, April 6.—Very few arrivals have taken place since the date of our last circular, on the 1st ultimo, and stocks of all kinds of wool being much reduced, and the principal part of the more current descriptions being destined for the public sales that have recently been held, the transactions have been limited in consequence. Amongst those which have been in more immediate request we may notice good long Oporto fleeces, for which as high as 9½d. per lb. has been paid, and for lambs' 7½d. being an advance of ½d. to 1d. per lb. upon previous rates. Peruvian wools have been in good demand at full prices; several parcels have been taken for export to the continent, and they are held firm at our present quotations. Some business has been done in Furkey wools, both fleeces and lambs', at rather improved rates. Alpaca has been inquired for, but no sales have been made in consequence of the advanced prices required for the late arrival of about 1000 bales; black being now held at 1s. 6d. per lb.; white, 2s. 2d. per lb.; and other colours in proportion. Scotch wools, both Cheviot and laid Highland, have been much sought after, and the market is left very bare of both kinds. A moderate business has been done in Irish, but there is little change to notice in prices. On the 18th ultimo were brought forward at public auction 183 bales Australian, 1300 bales East India, and 1500 bales Buenos Ayres, Iceland, Spanish, &c., and with the exception of part of the Buenos Ayres, nearly the whole found buyers at satisfactory prices. The public sales yesterday and to-day, consisted of 1550 bales Australian, 620 bales German, Spanish, fine Buenos Ayres, &c., and 1730 bales East India, Mediterranean, common Buenos Ayres, and other low wools, and brought together an unusually large attendance from the country, and also of the continental buyers. Port Phillip wools brought full prices of the last public sales in London the end of February last; they consisted of second rate fleeces in rather indifferent condition, and realized from 12d. to 17d. per lb. for fleeces, and 13d. to 16½d. per lb. for lambs; and 10d. to 12d. per lb. for pieces and inferior qualities. The Sydney wools were chiefly alpine and skin, which sold from 13½d. to 15½d. per lb., and fleeces from 14d. to 18d.; the prices of the latter were relatively lower than the Port Phillip. The finer kinds of Entre Rios and Buenos Ayres were eagerly contended for, and the whole were disposed of at very encouraging prices; the common kind were not so much sought after. A parcel of Canadian wool excited great interest, and the best qualities sold at from 14d. to 16½d. per lb. East India brought very extreme prices. A few lots of superior white Syria sold at 6½d., and some very superior white Smyrna at 7d. per lb., and a parcel of first-rate long Egyptian at 10½d. per lb.

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THE WOOL TRADE.

DURING the past month the business transacted by private contract has been limited in extent, compared with that of the previous three months. We subjoin the particulars of the public sales, which we have adapted from the circular of Mr. E. Buckley, published on the 6th instant:—

On the 16th ult., 183 bales Australian, 1280 East India, 464 Buenos Ayres, 366 Iceland, and 608 sundries, were offered, of which the whole of the Australian, 200 East India, and 360 Buenos Ayres, were sold, the rest being principally bought in. The rates obtained for Australian were fully equal to the London sales of February; and for East India, similar to those that were obtained at our previous sales on the 21st February. Buenos Ayres, in the burs, went much higher. In the three weeks that intervened since these sales, the transactions were few and unimportant:—the accounts from India and some parts of the Continent being considered unfavourable, the consumers, having previously laid in stocks, preferred looking on until appearances were better. The last India mail bringing intelligence favourable to British interests, and the suspension of warlike operations in one part of the Continent, have within the last week, induced a better feeling generally; this was manifested in our public sales of Wool on Wednesday and Thursday last, when the following amounts were offered, the figures within parentheses denoting the quantities sold:—1542 Australian (1388), 48 Cape (48), 170 German (20), 149 Spanish (103), 201 Portugal (82), 80 East India (60), 673 Peruvian (523), 648 Entre Rios and Buenos Ayres (373), 111 Egyptian (111), 157 Syrian (25), 83 Turkey and Smyrna (64), 85 Mohair (85), and 151 other (115), making a total 4008 bales offered, and 3007 sold. The biddings for Australian and Cape showed no alteration since previous sales; a large proportion were, however, second-hand stock, against which there is always a prejudice. Spanish R sold at prices similar to late private contracts. Portugal RY and R were not so much sought after, and sold at lower rates. Only a few of the German were sold at 1s. 7d. to 1s. 7½d.; they would all have gone at fair prices, however. Good washed Peruvian maintained its former value. The better qualities of burry River Plate wool sold at full last month's prices; common burry was neglected, 3d. to 3½d. being offered, none sold. There is now less objection to purchasing these descriptions than formerly, some of the principal consumers having buying machines; a large proportion of those recently sold have, however, been for the Continent. East India sold at former rates. 31 bags Canadian Skin brought 7½d. to 1s. 3d. A few bags of superior White Egyptian (Combining brand) sold, to 10½d., and shorter Whites 8d. to 8½d. Washed Oporto sold at 6½d. to 8½d. Good White Washed Syrian, 5½d. Mohair, 1s. 6½d. to 1s. 13d. 60 bales Donkoi realized 6½d. to 7d.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST LORD PALMERSTON.

In a leading article of the *Times* of Friday, April 13, we find the following statement:—A story is current in the diplomatic world, with reference to the immediate cause of the resumption of hostilities by the Danes, and the proclamation of the blockade of the German ports, which admirably illustrates the mode in which the important duties of a mediator have been discharged. The armistice between Denmark and Germany had already been denounced, and was to terminate on the 2nd of April, when a courier from Copenhagen arrived in London on the 26th of March, bringing the final propositions of the Danish government in answer to the conditions offered by the German Plenipotentiary. This communication was immediately forwarded to the British Secretary for Foreign Affairs as the mediating power, and it was of the more importance, not only from the nature of its contents, but because the Danish courier was strictly ordered to leave London, with or without an answer, so as to reach Copenhagen again before the conclusion of the armistice. This period of time, short in itself and decisive as to the settlement of the question, gradually passed away, the courier left London, no notice having been taken of the communication, and his return to Denmark was the signal for the precipitate departure of that expedition which has cost the lives of several hundred brave seamen, and the Danish fleet two of its finest ships. At length, on the 29th of March, the Queen happened to hold a drawing-room, at which some sort of personal explanation took place between the ministers and the diplomatist. It was then ascertained that the all-important dispatch of the Danish government, upon which the question of peace and war turned, had not been opened or read by Lord Palmerston during the interval of two or three days allowed for the answer. No answer at all was, therefore, given. The German plenipotentiary remained in total ignorance that any such proposals had been made, as, on the other hand, the Danish plenipotentiary does not seem to have been clearly apprised of the extent of the concession made in his favour. Thus the messenger of actual war was allowed to leave this country, because it had not suited the convenience of an English minister to read a letter. So large a part may "inadvertence" and the diplomacy of nations. This anecdote has been so generally circulated, and so freely commented upon, that it deserves a place in the history of these transactions. The version of the case materially diminishes the blame which seemed to attach to the Danes for the renewal of the war. They acted in the belief that their final proposals were contemptuously rejected without even the honours of discussion. Ignorant as we ourselves are of the nicer rules of diplomatic etiquette, we should have imagined that in a case of such gravity the peace of Northern Europe ought not to have been left to depend on the miscarriage or neglect of a single letter, even though that letter was addressed to the piercing eye of Viscount Palmerston; and we regret that the Danish courier started without more effectual measures having been taken to load his empty wallet. But, on the other hand, the notorious fact that the renewal of the war turned on what should be decided in London within those last days of the armistice, renders it inconceivable that such a despatch should have been overlooked by the person whose honour was most interested in the conclusion of this affair.

Dr. Crolly, the Primate of the Irish Roman Catholic Church, has fallen a victim to cholera; he died at Drogheda, on the 6th April, after only nine hours' illness. Dr. Crolly was a native of Downshire; he became a student, and afterwards a professor, in the college of Maynooth; whence he was promoted to the religious charge of the town of Belfast. In 1825 he succeeded Dr. McMillan in the Roman Bishopric of Down and Connor; and in 1835, on the death of Dr. Kelly, was raised to the Archbishopric of Armagh and the Primacy of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland. Dr. Crolly's amiable qualities, his charitable bearing, and his moderate and conciliatory political course, secured him universal esteem, and will cause his death to be universally mourned in Ireland. He was a firm supporter of the National Education system.

Easter Monday has not been neglected at the Mansion-house; where the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress gave a grand entertainment to a distinguished company. The Marquis of Thomond, the Earl of Breadalbane, Earl Waldegrave, the Earl of Cardigan, the Bishop of Lichfield, Sir Baldwin Walker, Sir Henry Bouverie, and several Foreign Ambassadors, were among the guests. The Cabinet was represented by Mr. H. G. Ward, Secretary to the Admiralty; whose health was proposed by the Lord Mayor with personal compliments and with excuses for the holiday absence of the Ministers, on account of the arduous duties that have lately been thrown upon them.

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SUPPLY.—VAN DIEMEN'S LAND.—The order of the day for going into Committee of Supply was then read. On the question that the Speaker leave the chair,

Mr. Anstey rose to move that a humble address be presented to her Majesty, on the subject of certain illegal ordinances, or acts of council, for the taxation of the people of Van Diemen's Land, and praying that her Majesty may be pleased to direct the local authorities in future to respect the independence of the judicial functions of the Supreme Court, which the colonists contended had been violated by the Lieutenant-Governor; and also to signify her disapproval of any ordinance or act passed by the said Lieutenant-Governor in Council for giving to such illegal ordinances or acts the force of law. He had presented a petition, signed by 1670 of the most respectable colonists, against the said Van Diemen's Land, complaining of the present administration of affairs in that colony by Sir W. Denison, the Lieutenant-Governor. Every statement of the petitioners was verified by the documents submitted by Sir W. Denison in his exculpation, and upon those documents, to (Mr. Anstey) was prepared to rest his case. Sir W. Denison informed Lord Grey, by a letter dated February 18, 1848, that the Judges of the Supreme Court of Van Diemen's Land had decided that the Act of the 9th of George IV., c. 83, under which the Legislative Council were entitled to pass ordinances for the taxation of the colonists, had been violated by the Council; and that consequently actions for damages to a large amount had been brought against Government Officers to recover taxes which it was alleged they had illegally levied. The illegality was this:—It was provided that no taxation ordinances should be legal unless the taxes levied under their authority were applied to local purposes; but, in the case now complained of, the taxes levied under the ordinance of the Legislative Council were appropriated to police purposes; these purposes, as the colonists contended, being imperial and not local. An application was made to the Lieutenant-Governor to authorize the application of some of these taxes to local purposes, but the colonial law officers were of opinion that they should be paid into the Imperial Treasury. The colonists then brought the matter before the Supreme Court, and the Judges decided that the Legislative Council had exceeded their functions, and that their acts were consequently illegal. With respect to the Chief Justice, the Governor himself admitted that his character stood deservedly high in the colony for honour and uprightness; and yet the Governor had proposed to remove him because he administered the law against the Government. The Governor said, in excuse, that he had no other resource, as he was precluded from appealing from the law court in the colony to the Privy Council by a decision of the latter tribunal, in consequence of the sum in litigation being under £1000. Whoever informed Sir W. Denison that that effect must have been guilty of a wilful misstatement,—for, in the case referred to the Privy Council, while refusing an appeal under the special circumstances of that case, declared they had power, when they chose to exert it, to grant an appeal, even where the sum concerned was less than £1000. Proceedings were accordingly taken to effect the removal of the Chief Justice, and, being called on for his defence, he applied, the Governor stated, for specific charges. They were refused, and he had a mere communication from the clerk of the Council, calling on him to account for having embarrassed the Government and neglected his duty, by not having certified at an earlier period the legality of the ordinances. The Chief Justice, under protest, put in his defence, justifying in a temperate and manly manner his conduct, by observing that in his legislative capacity his attention was not drawn to the illegality of the bill, which was drawn up by the Attorney-General, but that in his court his attention was directed to the matter in consequence of the point being properly raised there. The Executive Council then, in an insulting communication, informed the Chief Justice that his ignorance on a point of law of that character to a great degree disqualified him to fill the office of Judge, but that under the circumstances they were willing to impute his conduct to error and not to design, and, on the whole, to record a verdict of "not guilty," against him. In the mean time a warrant arrived from England authorizing the Governor to appoint a Legislative Council in the room of the former, which was illegally formed, and by a mockery of justice the officers of the Government were paid out of the pro-

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of the Government were paid out of the pro-

cedo of the taxes levied under these illegal ordinances. Those salaries ought to be paid, but not from an illegal source. The Governor insisted, indeed, that the law in question was legal, citing the opinion of the leading law officer who had leaped into the Judge's seat; but the opinion had the air of being forced for the occasion, and was bad law; and at all events the Governor should have taken his proper remedy and appealed to the Council. The honorable and learned member, after calling for the immediate disallowance of all the measures taken by the Governor in respect of this matter, concluded by reading and proposing his motion.

The speaker asked who would second the motion? No one responded to the inquiry; and after a pause the original question, "That the speaker do leave the chair," was put and agreed to.

The House then went into committee of supply *pro forma*, resuming immediately; and the chairman obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday.

The question being then put, "that the house do adjourn,"

Mr. Hawes said, he had not anticipated such a conclusion of the proceeding which had just before occupied the House. (A laugh.) He was very anxious to give an explanation. ("Hear, hear," "No!") It would be but justice to the Governor of Van Diemen's Land (hear, hear), and such an explanation could be given as really must be satisfactory to the honorable and learned member himself. (Hear, hear.) He (Mr. Hawes) was afraid he could not now make any statement without incurring the rules of debate. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Duncan apprehended that a motion not seconded could not be discussed. (Hear, hear.)

The house then, at twelve o'clock, adjourned.

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL STEAMER AMERICAN.

This splendid steamer arrived in the river at a little before one o'clock on Tuesday morning, having left Boston on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 21st March. She had encountered rough weather during the whole of the passage. From Boston she brought 86 passengers, and from Halifax 13.

The political news by this arrival are very meagre. The most important feature under this head is the sensation created amongst the American public by the news brought by the steamer America, of the announcement by Mr. Bancroft of their willingness to reciprocate with England in the repeal of the Navigation Laws. The New York Courier, a paper of high standing, after severely reprobating the conduct of Mr. Bancroft, the representative of an out-going and non-progressive government, in pledging the present administration of such a policy, which is foreign to their principles, affirms that:—

"Whatever be the course which the British cabinet and parliament may adopt, as to modifying and repealing their navigation laws, Congress will not reciprocate. If, indeed, as seems to be understood, the coasting trade is to be unreservedly open, as well as foreign trade, there would be no real reciprocity even as between Great Britain and the United States; and we should yield far more than we could obtain; but when it is considered that treaties called 'of reciprocity' which have been negotiated with all European nations almost from the Cape of Portugal to the Frozen Ocean, require that commercial concessions made thereafter to any nation in the abrogation of duties or restrictions, shall be common to all people with whom these treaties exist, it will be perceived how mischievous would be the operation of a repeal of our navigation laws upon American shipping and shipping interests."

It is said that Mr. Bancroft will certainly be recalled, and Mr. Webster is generally spoken of as his successor. Congress not being in session—the senate merely sitting in its character as adviser of the executive, undertakes no legislative business. A call, however, for information, but not for present legislative action, has been made upon the president.

The ferment in Canada still continues; and, notwithstanding the pacific pledges of the new president on the subject of interference with the affairs of other nations, it is held that there is no reason to suppose that a general rising in the Canadas, and an offer of fraternalization (to use the term of the day in France) with us, it would be all but impossible to prevent the people from rushing to the aid of the rebels. In reference to the low rate of exchange in New York, the New York Herald remarks:—

"Whether we obtain specie from California, certain it is that we are about to draw a large amount from John Bull. Exchange on London has gone down to 106, and the par rate being about 109, it follows that specie is now worth nearly three and a-half per cent. more in New York than in London. We may therefore look for large imports of specie either from England direct, or from Mexico on English account, within the next six months. A few millions of silver will be very acceptable, until we can get them ship loads of gold from California. Goods were low, with a few exceptions of some articles that were scarce."

Another destructive fire had occurred at St. John, N. B., by which upwards of a hundred buildings were said to have been levelled with the ground. The full particulars of the damage had not reached New York.

CALIFORNIA.—The arrival of the Wet Season, and the suspension of gold digging, has a little abated the excitement lately prevailing. Numbers of vessels, however, are proceeding to the country, generally carrying a superior class of emigrants. We extract the following late intelligence from the New York Courier.

"At Acapulco, February 11, 1848. The general impression is, from the various reports, accounts, and information obtained along this coast, that we got all the good news from the gold diggings, the bad being left for our arrival. From authentic accounts brought by the English frigate Herald, to the 26th November last, we learn that some persons were averaging from 30 to 40 dollars per day, but the majority, from sixty to ninety days through did not realize 15 dollars per day. Goods were low, with a few exceptions of some articles that were scarce."

"During the wet season, say the last four months, some two or three thousand miners had arrived at San Francisco and Monterey, and such a scene of gambling dissipation and fighting was never witnessed before."

Of the commercial prospects of the country the New York Courier and Enquirer says:—

"Commercially we have very little change to note. As spring approaches, the trade, which the opening of rivers and canals always promotes, is making ready. The canal of Pennsylvania leading to the West are already open; those of this State will not be open for some weeks yet. There is around the Lake shore a very large quantity of agricultural produce waiting for conveyance to the seaboard, which, at present prices ruling here, will remunerate the farmer. The winter generally has been favourable to grain, by reason of the covering of snow which has protected it from the damage of alternate freezing and thawing; so that in the face of a promising growing crop, there will be little inclination to hold back the produce on hand for the chance of a better demand and higher prices."

cotton.

The receipts of cotton this season were 1,929,000 bales, against 1,436,000 last year. The total exports this season were 1,102,000, against 845,000 last.

The tables show that a falling off has taken place at last in the receipts at the ports as compared with last season; this occurrence has so long been predicted as to happen "next week" indeed we ourselves expected it six weeks ago, that it appears to have no effect upon the market, for the truth is that so much time has already slipped away, and the stocks in the interior markets of the South are so large, as to leave little or no chance for the limitation of the crop to 2,600,000 bales.

The export of cotton during the next three or four weeks will probably be upon a large scale, judging from the number of vessels loading at Southern ports.

The market offered for two or three days under the new steamers of 24th Feb., and as much as 1/4 of a cent. per lb. advance was paid in some cases, but soon receding to about previous prices, large purchases were made for shipment, and followed by a rally of 1/4 of a cent., since which it has become dull at 7 1/2 for middling Orleans, and 7 to 7 1/4 for middling Uplands—the dullness may be partly owing to the fact that in England, and passed to the large import of the last three or four days, out of which, when sampled, buyers are expecting to purchase on lower terms.

Freight id. per lb. to Liverpool, and 1/4 of a cent. to Havre.

New York, March 19, P.M.

Money continues in an active demand at very high rates. Two per cent. per month is paid freely on thirty and sixty day paper, and the equivalent of one per cent. per day is given for short loans on country bank notes or fancy stocks.

The Foreign exchanges are tending downwards. Bankers' bills on London have done to-day as low as 107 (or 107 1/4), and notwithstanding an active demand, these rates are feebly sustained. Produce bills were done at 106.

THE STATE OF EUROPE.

(From the Times, April 18.)

FRANCE.

The following is our correspondent's letter, dated Monday, 5 P.M.:

"The hopes of the different political parties respecting the result of the approaching elections are as variable as this very uncertain month of April itself. One day the atmosphere is all calm and sunshine; the next it is dark and lowering. Each party has its own day of rejoicing and of alternate sorrow. Yesterday the Bonapartists were full of expectation; their reports from the provinces were to their hearts' content. To-day it is the turn of the Legitimists. Not more than an hour has passed since the departure of the Bonapartists, shown to me, which, if they can be trusted, would ensure triumph to the partisans of Henry V., while some Bonapartist friends admit that on this day they cannot produce such pleasing returns as yesterday. To-morrow, no doubt, will be the day for the Republicans. Amidst all this doubt and uncertainty the only thing that can be said is, that the great majority of the new Assembly will consist of men of order—no matter whether you call them Legitimists, Bonapartists, or Moderate Republicans."

"There is evidently an effort being made to excite disturbance at all risks and at any cost. The new force employed for that object clearly shows the malevolence of the parties concerned, and it must also be admitted, the desperate though contemptible resources they are forced to adopt to attain their ends. I mentioned the fact of a tree of liberty having been cut down during the night and otherwise dishonoured in the Place de la Croix Rouge. A similar act was committed last night on a tree planted near the Madeleine, and which has been saved at the root, but not sufficiently so as to overturn it. The police are on the alert to discover the perpetrators of these wanton acts."

"The People announces, that the convicts Vappreau, Junier, Chopart, Nourry, Belot, Naudin, Doyas Gouey, Letellier, and others, condemned for the murder of General Brés, left on Saturday night for the galleys."

"The Montrose publishes a circular of the Minister of Public Instruction to the rectors of the academies, in which he states that he has been informed that the professors discussed in their conferences questions totally foreign to education. He then transcribes the instructions given them on the same subject by his predecessor, M. Vaulabelle, in September, 1848; and enjoins the necessity of respecting in their private meetings the rules to which their body is subjected, and of conforming to the administrative statutes emanating from the competent authorities; or, otherwise, these conferences would degenerate into political clubs, and completely defeat the object for which they were instituted."

"It is said that Omer Pacha, the Commander of the Turkish troops at Bucharest, has given orders that the *Marchés* shall be performed by the military bands of the regiments placed under his command. The reason assigned for this innovation is, that the Russian General who lately commanded at Bucharest had forbidden the French air to be taught in the Russian army. Omer Pacha is a decided enemy of the Russians."

"M. Odillon Barrot, it will be observed, has demanded from the National Assembly an extraordinary credit of 1,200,000, for the maintenance, on the war footing, during three months, of the expeditionary corps of the Mediterranean, about to proceed to the Roman States."

"The *Stéphane de Marseille*, of the 13th instant, publishes the following notice relative to the blockade of Venice:—

"Marseille, April 12, 1849.

"The Chamber of Commerce informs the merchants that the Austrian Government has lately addressed to the *Chancé d'Affaires* of the Republic at Vienna a note, dated the 26th ultimo, by which it announced to him the resumption of the blockade of Venice by the naval forces of Austria."

"Prince Schwarzenberg has moreover told Mr. de Lacour that the Vice-Admiral of the Imperial fleet, charged with the application of the measure, had been ordered to execute it strictly."

"This intelligence has been transmitted to the Chamber by a despatch of the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, dated the 8th inst."

"Business was limited at the Bourse to-day. Prices were without change, and well maintained. The Five per Cents. opened at 89 1/2, rose to 89 3/4, and closed at 89 1/2."

The three per Cents. closed on the Paris Bourse on Monday at 57 1/2; the Five per Cents. at 89 1/2; Orleans Railroad, 514 1/2; 502 1/2; Rouen, 562 1/2; Havre, 500 1/2; Great Northern, 458 1/2; Avignon, 221 1/2; Lyons, 362 1/2; Bala, 104 1/2; Bordeaux, 112 1/2; Paris and Strasbourg, 373 1/2; Tours and Nantes, 324 1/2.

Stocks of Genoa.

Wednesday, April 11.

On the expiration of the armistice from 4-4-49, at 1 o'clock the rebel party, finding all further resistance utterly hopeless, conceded to the terms imposed by General La Marmora, which, considering all the circumstances, must be allowed to be very liberal. A general amnesty has been granted to all except twelve persons, all those who held office under the Government and accepted office under the Provisional Government, and those soldiers who joined the populace. These are to be all given up, to be tried and punished, according to law, by the civil tribunals. There is also to be a surrender of arms within twenty-four hours by all those who wish to avail themselves of the benefit of the amnesty, and the National Guard will be dissolved and its arms handed over to the Government. The facts, of course, and all the military positions, have been taken possession of by La Marmora's troops. Thus has ended nine days' anarchy, with the loss of many lives, considerable injury to some parts of the city, the interruption of commerce and consequent privation of the labouring classes, and the existence of a state of alarm and confusion difficult to describe. Avezana is said to have escaped in disguise to Leghorn, and the other leaders have disappeared. They will have, however, some trouble to get away, for the Carabinieri will do their best to detect them. Nothing could exceed the violence of the latter which Avezana, who is Lord Hand-wicks, in command of Her Majesty's ship *Vengeance*, and the rebels are most furious against the English on account of the presence and position of that ship. Although no overt act was actually committed, and therefore no interference could justly be said to have been shown, still the very presence of the English vessel was a great support to the Government cause, and consequent discouragement to the rebels. But the will endeavour to represent to the world that the captain interfered by the change of his position; but surely, he must have been the best judge where to anchor his ship, and what step was most advisable to be taken in conformity with the orders he might have received. They might as well blame the American captain of the Princeton, for he also thought proper to remove from a situation attended with some danger one more within the port. But would have been highly blameable to have left the large number of English vessels in the harbour and the amount of English property in Porto Franco open to the plunder of some 500 liberated corsairs. The English, however, in Genoa must expect to lie under the dislike and hatred of the Republican party, since they would have been content with nothing less than the open exposure of their ensign. They may hear this with much equanimity, for whilst the rebel few may chafe themselves into anger from disappointment, the respectable and better part of the Genoese will feel grateful for the great exertions made to save their city from destruction, or, at least, from very great damage. We may hope that the lesson which has been taught the Republicans will not be thrown away either on themselves or on their brethren elsewhere, and that the restoration of Genoa to its rightful monarch will tend to establish order in other parts of Italy."

From all the authentic information received from Tuscany, it would seem impossible for Guarnieri to retain his post, and he is only waiting the first favourable opportunity to make the best terms for himself. All mention of the spoliation and oppression endured in Tuscany is scrupulously excluded from the public journals, but they are bitterly felt by those obliged to endure them for the present, and who give a painful picture to their friends, in their private communications, of the state of their country. In several parts a regular organized plan of resistance is being formed, and we may expect daily to hear of a general rising in support of the legitimate authorities. If real liberty were at stake, one could entertain the deepest sympathy, but when it is only the usurpation of a few ambitious men for the establishment of an ideal good in a republican form of Government, one is compelled to regret the sacrifice of social welfare."

The shops at beginning to be opened again, and the city is recovering from the tomb-like character it assumed when the shells were whizzing backwards and forwards, and falling nobody could tell where. The greatest damage has been done at the Palace of the Prince de Doria, which is dotted all over with market balls, as also the houses opposite."

Three shells fell on the Grand Hospital and alarmed the unfortunate inmates, but without doing any further harm. It must be added, to the credit of the rebel party, that there have been few, if any, robberies or outrages committed."

General La Marmora has published an order of the day, in which he announces that the only persons excluded from the amnesty are General Avezana, the advocates David Morchio, Lasotti-Didaco Pelligrini, M.M. Constantino Reta, Nicolo Accame, Antonio Giampe, Bordini, G. B. Dombiaso, J. B. Albertini, Weber, the advocates Frederic Compagnini, and

all persons guilty of offences against property, together with the military men compromised during and previous to the insurrection."

The barricades are being removed, and the streets are resuming their ordinary state. The Lombards and other strangers who had arrived to take part in the disturbance are gone, and in the course of to-morrow Genoa will, in all probability, be restored to its usual regularity and order."

The post is now re-established, and is on the eve of departure. About 25,000 troops have entered; the appearance of the Bersaglieri corps and of the Savoy regiments is very imposing."

CENTRAL GERMANY.

The *Financ Gazette* (the official journal) publishes in its number of 12th instant, the following communication of the Imperial Cabinet to the Baron von Prokech, the Austrian Plenipotentiary in Berlin, under date April 8, 1849:—

"The Count von Bernstorff has communicated to me a circular, forwarded at the same time to all the Prussian Ambassadors at German Courts, in which His Majesty the King, in consequence of the expressed intention of the Regent of the Empire to resign his post, has set forth his readiness to accept, on the proposition of the German Governments, and with the consent of the German National Assembly, the provisional direction of the affairs of Germany; to respond to the call made on him, and to place himself at the head of a such states as are inclined to connect themselves voluntarily with it."

"Besides these declarations, all the Governments received an invitation to appoint, without delay, special plenipotentiaries in Frankfurt-on-the-Maine for the purpose of making explicit declarations—1. As to the admission into the confederate state, and the conditions under which such admission is to take place. 2. As to the position which the Governments which shall join such a confederate state will occupy with respect to the German National Assembly and its decisions already agreed to, with the understanding, that, on arriving at an agreement with relation to the Constitution shall be without delay commenced. 3. As to the relations to those German states which hesitate to join the Confederate one, whereby it is desirable that the attempt be made to adjust the affairs of the still existing Confederation to the new form of state."

"Our readiness to meet the propositions, if such were made on the part of Prussia, in its capacity as a fellow member of the German Confederation (a confederation which is based on a stipulation, and which *de facto* still exists for the purpose of coming, in a legal way, to an arrangement respecting reforms in Germany, in accordance with the spirit of the age, on the basis of the project of constitution discussed by the National Assembly our readiness, we repeat it, is proved by our positive declarations and the repeated and decisive steps which we have taken to that effect in Berlin."

"On the other hand, however, we cannot agree to, much less demand, the execution of the views expressed by the Prussian Cabinet in its circular despatch of the 3rd instant. The National Assembly which was solely convened in order to complete, in common with the Princes of Germany, the work of the Constitution, imposed a limit on its labours, by declaring that its task was ended. That Assembly, however, exceeding the privileges allotted to it, not only arbitrarily completed and carried out the Constitution, and promulgated it as law, but even sought, without being in possession of full powers, to bestow on Germany an hereditary Emperor. Not only has the National Assembly acted wrongly in this matter, it has also completely left the path of law by arbitrarily declaring itself *en permanence*. Upon these grounds we cannot acknowledge the validity of the decisions arrived at by the National Assembly, beyond the extent of its privileges, any more than we can admit of the prosecution of its labours. For us the National Assembly no longer exists; and on that account, it can neither exercise any influence on orders respecting the formation of a new provisional central power, nor take any part in negotiations respecting the coming to an agreement with regard to the work of the Constitution—a work set down by the Assembly itself as finished."

"Should, therefore, the Regent of the Empire, through unforeseen circumstances, not accede to the urgent request of the Emperor, and decline to remain in his post until, in a legal way, provision has been made for the management of German affairs, we must energetically protest against the acceptance and exercise of this power by one of the German Governments alone, and we must insist upon its being organized in a way which shall enable all the Governments to be duly represented therein."

"As under these circumstances no further negotiations respecting the work of the Constitution can be carried on with the National Assembly—as the central power, a purely executive authority, is not called to take part in the negotiations, and as his Imperial Majesty must adhere to the already expressed principle of not subjecting himself and his states to the central power exercised by another German prince, we cannot treat, at Frankfurt, according to the plan proposed by Prussia, with its plenipotentiary, or with those of any other prince. We cannot, therefore, avail ourselves of the invitation addressed to us, to send a plenipotentiary to the negotiations proposed to be carried on there."

"Our gracious sovereign is, on the contrary, compelled to add that he solemnly protests against all the decisions arising from such negotiations, as well as against their consequences; and he does so with full reservation of all the claims and rights of himself, his Government, and his German provinces, claims and rights based upon treaties still in force."

"You will hand to the Prussian Cabinet a copy of the present despatch, in answer to the communication which it addressed to us through Count von Bernstorff."

The *Deutsche Zeitung* contains official information that, besides the Government of Wismar and Hesse, an unconditional acceptance of the Constitution and the provisions of the Parliament respecting the head of the Empire, has been tendered by the Plenipotentiaries of the Duchies of Holstein and Baden."

M. Camphausen, the Prussian Plenipotentiary at the Court of His Highness the Regent, arrived at Frankfurt on the 15th instant. The

German States and Governments are eager to anticipate a final Prussian declaration, by protesting their entire concurrence with the constitution of the empire.

The Parliamentary law against the practice of gambling in the German watering places and elsewhere will obtain force on and after the 1st of May instant, on which day the gambling houses at Aix-la-Chapelle, Wiesbaden, Bad Nau, Baden Baden, and Schlangenbad, and, indeed, all other gambling-houses in other watering-places, will be closed.

AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY.

Our Vienna letters are of the 12th instant. The Viennese are at present occupied by a memoir, and to all appearances a well founded one, of Count Stadion, one of the first men of the Austrian Cabinet, having tendered his resignation. This step of the noble Count was, it is stated, caused by his disgust at the manner in which the Hungarian affairs are managed. It appears the Austrian Cabinet are divided in their opinions as to the proper course which is to be taken with regard to Hungary, and Count Stadion, who is for going the whole length of the war, is displeased at finding himself outvoted by other advisers of the Crown, who would offer terms to the Hungarians or agree to them. Such, at least, is the statement which the *Press*, the Austrian ministerial paper, makes of the case.

In proportion as the dangers of the Hungarian war increase, the public and official opinion in Austria condemn the policy which entrusted the command of the army to Prince Windischgratz, and which, in spite of his reverses, continues to uphold him in his position. Our correspondent informs us that the majority of the Cabinet would be glad to appoint another Commander-in-Chief; but that the Premier, Prince Schwarzenberg, yielding to private considerations, is reluctant to take a step which, though indispensable for the welfare of the country and the safety of the Crown, would compromise the dignity and hurt the feelings of his near kinsman, Prince Windischgratz.

The last news from Hungary is to the effect that matters remain just as they were before. The Hungarian army have taken up position on the Rakosh plain, under the walls of Pesth, and offered battle to the Austrians, who stand prepared to defend their possession of the Hungarian capital. Prince Windischgratz, warned by his late mishaps, has declined accepting the battle, and it is sincerely hoped at Vienna that he will escape being forced to enter into an engagement. The left wing of his army, under his special command, stands at Waitzen; the centre, under General Schlick, is at Crankota, a village on the road from Pesth to Gdöllö, and the right wing under Baron Jellachich, extends across the railroad line towards Albert and Csegeled. The heroic Ban was at one time given up as lost, and his re-appearance has caused great joy at head quarters.

The Magyars have again taken St. Tomas, which was last year so obstinately defended by the Serbians.

The Serbian Patriarch has been forced to fly from Beokereck to Panosora.

The command of the besieging army of Comorn, which has lately been in a state of mutiny, as most troops are when unsuccessful, has been entrusted to General Wolgemuth.

According to the *Ostdeutsche Post* of the 14th instant, the paper circulation of the Austrian State amounts to less than 22 millions of florins, while the metallic currency, gold, silver, and copper, shows as low a figure as 22 millions. "A pennyworth of bread to such an enormous quantity of sack." As the public is only concerned to the extent of 41 millions of notes, the Austrian Government must have taken advantage of the credit of the bank to the amount of no less than 190 millions.

DENMARK AND THE DUCHIES.

We learn from our Hamburg correspondence of the 14th instant, that a bill was on that day posted on the Hamburg Exchange, stating the Danish entrenchments near Düppel had been carried by the Saxons and Bavarian troops. We expect to have the details of this action in the next numbers of our Hamburg papers.

SPAIN.

Our accounts from Madrid are of the 10th instant. M. de Lesseps represented to the Queen, on the 9th, his letter of recall; and his successor as Minister of France, M. Napoleon Bonaparte, was to be admitted to a private audience of her Majesty on the evening of the 10th. The *Gaceta* announces the dispersion of the factional band of Bernudy, by the Captain-General of Toledo. A Carlist colonel, a chief of the staff, and several officers, had remained on the field.

The *Fomento*, Barcelona journal, of the 9th instant, quotes a despatch from Colonel Hore, announcing the capture of Marsal, of his aide-de-camp, Romero y Abril, and another individual. The column of Bessa, commanded by Colonel Lafont, had completely routed the band of Serrat, with the loss of nineteen killed and sixty-nine prisoners. Serrat effected his escape with only two or six men. A letter from Vich, dated the 5th, states that the wounds of Cabrera having re-opened, he had resigned his command of the Montemolinita forces to the Caballeros, Boquica, Estarús, and Argatel.

The Three-per-Cents. were done at 114 for 3 for cash; the Five-per-Cents. at 111 for paper; the Debt without interest at 41; and the Coupons at 8 for cash.

POLITICS OF RUSSIA.

(From the *Times*, March 17.)

We advert with reluctance to a subject which to readers not only to add a serious cause of discussion to the numerous controversies and disputes now afflicting and distracting Europe, but which has already occasioned some coolness between the British Government and that of the North with which it is at this time our special interest to maintain amicable relations. But the manifest alarm of the Turkish Government and its active preparations for defence—the attitude of the British Ambassador at Constantinople—the language attributed to the numerous cardinals of the British Cabinet—and, above all, the tone recently assumed by the Emperor of Russia himself, are facts calculated to give far more importance to the present state of the Eastern question than has of late been attached to it. It must be acknowledged that at no period since the revolution of February has the

aspect of Europe been less pacific. In Italy the outbreak of hostilities is daily expected; in Denmark the armistice expires next week, with no immediate indication that the preliminaries of peace will be signed within that period; at Frankfurt the scheme of a German empire has been revived by Walker in the form most hostile to Austria; in Hungary the war is carried on with doubtful success, and not without the assistance of a dangerous and costly ally; at Gsta conferences are about to open between the Catholic powers with a view to the restoration of the Pope by force of arms. All Europe is filled with wars and rumours of wars, save that, by a marvellous exception, which still gives us hopes of peace, the French nation have learned by their recent misfortunes the necessity of adhering to that pacific and conservative policy which the Government of Louis Napoleon practices in concert with this country. We had hoped, and we have not yet ceased to hope, that the Emperor of Russia, clearly discerning the causes of the manifold disorders of these times, would steadily reserve the influence of his government, and the resources of his empire, to uphold and assist by lawful means the restoration of those principles of authority and right which have been so openly violated, and that, without displaying any arbitrary intention of interfering in the internal affairs of other countries, he would hold himself in readiness to combine with other stable governments wherever justified and the peace of Europe might require such protection. That temperate and dignified policy which the Russian Cabinet has hitherto pursued would naturally insure to it a fair and useful influence in the affairs of the Baltic, in the alliances of Germany, and even, less directly, in the arrangements of Southern Europe; but such a policy is wholly at variance with the prosecution of selfish and ambitious schemes in the East. If we are to hold that the Emperor of Russia is capable of taking advantage of the present distracted state of Europe to turn his own arms against the Ottoman empire, he has a direct interest in aggravating the confusion which has paralyzed the world. He must be perfectly aware that democratic governments, just emerging from a revolution, or still struggling with social anarchy, are wholly unable to oppose any serious resistance to the military execution of projects which at any other period would have called forth the opposition of every statesman and every army in Europe. But he must also be aware that such an undertaking would estrange his government from every Cabinet which is interested in the maintenance of peace and the restoration of order. He would himself become the accomplice of the revolution, as completely as Alexander became at Tilsit the accomplice of Napoleon in his worst projects. The conduct of the Russian Court, in these circumstances will determine whether it is governed by principles or by ambition—by a firm adherence to the cause of authority, or an unscrupulous pursuit of traditional conquest.

Subsequently to the disturbances which occurred last summer in the Moldo-Wallachian provinces, and to the occupation of those provinces by the Russian and Turkish troops, the Russian Embassy at Constantinople was instructed to urge the Porte to accede to a modification of the existing regulations for the nomination of the Hospodars of those principalities. By the treaty of Ackermann, concluded in 1829, it was stipulated that the Hospodars should be nominated for seven years, and might be deposed by the sultan on the protecting powers; by the treaty of Adrianople, signed three years later, it was agreed that they should be appointed for life. The Russians required, for reasons of their own, that the Sultan should consent to revert to the former conditions of the treaty of Ackermann. We shall not attempt to examine the precise merits of such a question, but certain it is that this demand was vigorously resisted by Sir Stratford Canning, and was, thereupon, rejected by the Porte. The Turkish Ministers were probably well aware of the danger of this species of opposition to the Cabinet of St. Petersburg, for they instantly proceeded to arm the whole frontier of the empire, looking at the same time to England and France to support them in the course which they had been induced to adopt. The Emperor of Russia, on the other hand, has signified his extreme displeasure and irritation at the measures taken by Turkey and her other allies to oppose his views on Moldavia and Wallachia, and has intimated in indirect language that the next time he makes a campaign across the Balkan it will not terminate at Adrianople.

Although we do not entertain a very lofty opinion of the military resources of Turkey, it would be an error to estimate them no higher than they were during the campaigns of 1828 and 1829. At that period the fleet of the Sultan had just been destroyed at Navarino, and Admiral Greig was complete master of the Black Sea. The reforms of the Turkish army were in their infancy, and Egypt contributed little to the defence of the empire. At the present time the Turkish armaments will send out 40 ships, of which 8 or 10 are three-deckers; the army now in preparation amounts to 300,000, of which about half are irregulars, who are already on their way from the Asiatic Pashalics to Constantinople; the revenue of the Ottoman empire has prodigiously increased since the abolition of monopolies in 1829; and there is every reason to suppose that Abbas Pasha, now hereditary ruler of Egypt, who has just received his investiture at Constantinople, would place the whole naval and military force of that dependency at the disposal of the Porte, his suzerain. Such a force, animated by religious fanaticism in the defence of the cities and provinces which they have occupied for four hundred years, is not to be despised even by the greatest military power of Europe; and we still infer that the Emperor Nicholas will not push this contest to extremities.

The real advantage of the Russian party, at this moment, lies in the division of the European Powers, and especially in the want of confidence between the two most pacific of them—Austria and Great Britain. Were the ancient bonds of union between the Courts of St. James' and Vienna in full force, and, still more, if the Government of the French Republic were induced to co-operate with Austria as well as with ourselves in the formidable questions which are agitating the South of Europe, the progress of Russian absolutism on the Danube, and the permanent triumph of

anarchy in Italy, would be alike impossible. We have no doubt that the language of Sir Stratford Canning has been that of a statesman manfully resolved to defend the traditional policy of this country, to support the integrity and independence of the Ottoman Empire, and to avert an aggression which must be fatal to the general peace. But it is of extreme importance that not a word should have been said at Pera with more energy than will be shown in Downing-street, and if Russia construes the preparations of Turkey into a pretext for war, it must not be forgotten that responsibility rests with Powers who have countenanced those preparations. For ourselves, we should deeply regret the occurrence at this crisis in the affairs of Europe of an event calculated to disturb the harmony of our relations with the head of the Russian Empire, and to add so large an element of discord to the chances of war. Such an event would be disgraceful, and in the end calamitous, to Russia herself, but it would be still more fatal to the restoration of order on the continent of Europe, and possibly to peace throughout the world.

LOST LUGGAGE OFFICE.

(From an article in the *Quarterly Review* on the "North Western Railway," said to be written by Sir F. B. Hay.)

At a short distance from the terminus of the up-train there is a founding office, termed the Lost Luggage Office, in which are received all articles which the passengers leave behind them, and which on the arrival of every train are brought by the company's searcher to this office. The superintendent on receiving them records in a book the description of each article, stating on what day, by what train, in what carriage it arrived, and by whom found. All luggage bearing an address is kept about forty-eight hours, and if during that time no one calls for it, it is then forwarded by rail or other conveyance to its owner. In case it bears no address, and if no one claims it, it is, after a month, opened; and if any clue to the owner can be found within, a letter is addressed to him. If no clue be found, the property is kept about two years, and has hitherto been sold by auction, in the large coach factory to the company's servants—a portion of the proceeds being handed over to the sick fund for persons who have been hurt in the service, and the remainder to the "Friendly Society" among the men. It has, however, been ascertained that a few of the railway men, who have spare cash purchased the greater portion of these articles, it has, we understand, very lately been determined henceforward to sell the whole of this property by auction exclusively to the public, as the company's servants are not allowed to be purchasers, they can no longer derive any benefit whatever from lost property, which must often be of inestimable value to its owner, and which they therefore should have no interest, direct or indirect, in concealing from him.

A second ledger, entitled, "Luggage Inquiry Book," is kept in this office, and if the articles therein inquired after have not been brought in by the searcher, copies of the description are forwarded to each of the offices where lost luggage is kept; for by the company's orders all luggage found between Wolverton and London and all between Wolverton and Birmingham to Birmingham, and so on.

It is possible, however, that the above orders may not have been attended to, and therefore as the whole of this property is under the control of the lost luggage office, it is necessary to write to 310 stations on 42 lines of rails, to inquire after a lost article, he it ever so small, and if it be at none of these stations a letter is then addressed to the owner, informing him that his lost property is not on the railway.

In the office in which these ledgers and letter-books are made up, are to be seen on shelves and in cupboards the innumerable articles which have been left in the trains during the last two months, each being ticketed and numbered with a figure corresponding with the entry-book in which the article is defined. Without, however, describing in detail this property, we will at once proceed to a large, pitch-dark, subterranean vaulted chamber, warmed by hot-air iron pipes, in which are deposited the flock of lost sheep, or, without metaphor, the lost luggage for the last two years.

Suspended from the roof there hangs horizontally in this chamber a gas-pipe about eight feet long, and as soon as the brilliant burners at each end were lighted, the scene was really astounding. It would be infinitely easier to say what there is not than what there is in the forty compartments, like great wine bins, in which all this lost property is arranged. One is choke-full of men's hats, another of parasols, umbrellas, and sticks of every possible description. One would think that all the ladies' reticules on earth were deposited in a third. How many little smelling-bottles—how many little embroidered pocket handkerchiefs—how many little musty eatables and comfortable drinkables—how many little bills, important little notes, and other very small secrets each may have contained, we felt that we would not for the world have ascertained; but when we gazed at the enormous quantity of red cloaks, red shawls, red tartan-plaids, and red scarfs piled up in one corner, it was, we own, impossible to help reflecting that surely English ladies of all ages who wear red cloaks, &c., must in some mysterious way or other be powerfully affected by the whine of compressed air, by the sudden ringing of a bell, by the sighing friends—in short, by the various conflicting emotions that agitate the human heart on arriving at the up terminus of the Eastern station—for else how, we gravely asked ourselves, could we possibly account for the extraordinary red heap before us.

Of course, in this Roland-looking cave there were plenty of carpet-bags, gun-cases, portmanteaus, writing-desks, books, Bibles, cigar-cases, &c.; but there were a few articles that certainly we were not prepared to meet with, and which but too clearly proved that the extraordinary terminus excitement which had suddenly caused so many virtuous ladies to slope from their red shawls—in short, to be all of a sudden not only in a "bustle" behind, but all over—had equally affected men of all sorts and conditions.

One gentleman had left behind him a pair of leather hunting breeches; another his boot-jack! A soldier of the 224 regiment had left

his knapsack, containing his kit! Another soldier of the 10th, poor fellow, had left his scarlet regimental coat! Some cripple, probably overjoyed at the sight of his family, had left behind him his crutches! But what astonished us above all was, that some honest Scotchman, probably in the ecstasy of suddenly seeing among the crowd the face of his faithful Janie, had actually left behind him the best portion of his baggage!

Some little time ago the superintendent, on breaking open, previous to a general sale, a locked leather hat-box, which had laid in this dungeon two years, found in it, under the hat, £45 in Bank of England notes, with one or two private letters, which enabled him to restore the money to the owner, who, it turned out, had been so positive that he had left his hat-box at an hotel at Birmingham, that he had made no inquiry for it at the railway-office.

THE ANCHOR.—As regards the anchor used or not by the Egyptians, Mr. Jai says, "that among all the Egyptian naval figures with which he is acquainted, he could not find one object resembling an anchor. Nevertheless, the galleys which navigated in the Red Sea, spreading terror among the Indians, must have been able to moor at a distance from the shore, for they could not always approach, because of the surf of the sea, or because rocks and bars defended the shore; also to protect themselves from the enemy, who, bordering the coast, might have fought immediately on their approach. They were then obliged to place themselves out of reach of their projectiles." Probably they used large stones or masses of stones, for the same office fulfilled, in later times, by the single and double twisted anchor, which Mr. Jai believes from the following passage from Herodotus (lib. 2, c. 95): "They are thus guided, the boats of burthen in descending the Nile, have a hurdle of twisted cane and furze, and a perforated stone of about two talents weight, (about 1 cwt.) The hurdle is bound with a rope in front of the ship, which is allowed to float on the course of the water; the stone is fastened behind with another rope; the hurdle, carried away by the rapid stream, pulls after it the boat, for thus the kind of ship is called, the stone behind drags the bottom of the water, and serves to guide its course." This stone is not altogether an anchor, but give it a somewhat considerable weight, and a rope of simple length, the last, instead of going quite slowly down the Nile, will stop altogether in the middle of the stream. The first who had the idea of throwing a stone to the bottom of a river as a moderator, and to direct and abate the course of an embarkation, was the real inventor of the anchor. Pausanias may honour Mulus with the invention of this important nautical instrument; or Pliny may attribute it to the Tyrrhenians; yet the stone was always the primitive anchor, and it is, at the time of Sesostris, no other means of stopping the ships at sea, or on the Nile, were known, this surely must have been. Arrian relates, that in a temple of a Goddess of Phasia, he was shown the anchor of the ship Argo; that it was of iron, and this circumstance, as well as the resemblance of this anchor with those of the contemporary Greeks of the second century A.U.C., led him to believe that it was posterior to the expedition of the Argonauts; he adds, "that in the same temple there were very old fragments of a stone anchor, which was more likely to be the anchor of the ship Argo." Athenæus, speaking of the celebrated ship of Ptolemy Philopater, says, that "it had four wooden and eight iron anchors." The latter probably had neither teeth nor flukes, and how can we suppose that the others possessed them? What resistance could these wooden anchors have afforded to hold against the wind a mass like that which we must imagine to ourselves from the fabulous description of Athenæus? The iron anchors could have been but ingots of a considerable weight. As to the wooden anchors, they were great tubes filled with lead. We read, in fact, in the "Antiquities of Diodorus," that the Phœnicians, after having laden their vessels with silver in Sicily, extracted the lead from their anchors, and replaced it with silver. When a mass of stone, or an ingot of iron, was not employed, they used baskets filled with stones, or sacks full of sand or gravel. The historian of the expedition of Alexander, the same Arrian above mentioned, says somewhere, that "Crates had basket-work placed in front of the ships, filled with masses of rocks;" and, according to Polyneus, Iphicrates substituted for these anchors sacks of sand attached to the cables of the ships, and let down into the sea; and that the Emperor Leo, ordered (cap. 22, of the *Naumachia*) not to omit in those parts where the sand was plentiful, and anchoring necessary, always to have ready to lower into the sea, instead of anchors, sacks full of sand or gravel. These examples Mr. Jai purposely multiplies, to prove that the anchor was long a mass, acting merely from its weight; and that even the iron was bent to into the earth with a sharp tooth, and the Greeks could call it an anchor, from a word ankoros (crooked)—the primitive anchor was still employed.—*The Ship, by Mr. Jai.*

THE SABBATH.—The Sabbath is God's special present to the working man, and one of its chief objects is to prolong his life, and to preserve efficient his working tone. In the vital system it acts like a compensation-pend; it replenishes the spirits, the elasticity and vigour which the last six days have drained away, and supplies the force which is to fill the six days succeeding; and in the economy of existence, it answers the same purpose as, in the economy of income, is answered by a saving's bank. The frugal man who puts aside a pound to-day, and another pound next month, and who in a quiet way is always putting past his stated pound from time to time, when he rows old and frail, gets not only the same pound to-day again, but a good many pounds beside a. And the conscientious man, who husbands one day of existence every week—who, instead of allowing the Sabbath to be trampled and to run in the hurry and scramble of life, treasures it devoutly up—the Lord of the Sabbath keeps it for him, and in length of days and a hale old age gives it back with usury. The savings' bank of human existence is the weekly Sabbath!—*North British Review.*

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